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SUBJ: POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL US PERSONNEL/LOGISTICS SUPPORT
FOR UNTSO

REF: HQDA 292315Z OCT 73 (S)

1. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH SUSMO UNTSO (LTCOL. N. KRAWCIW) AND FULLY REFLECTS HIS VIEWS. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT HE BE PROTECTED AS SOURCE OF INFO ON UNTSO'S PLANS. REPLIES TO REFTEL QUERIES ARE BASED ON OUR LOCAL KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION. IN PASSING THEM TO DEPT OF ARMY, WE ASSUME YOU WILL WISH TO DISCUSS OTHER FACTORS, MAINLY POLITICAL, THAT MAY ALSO BE INVOLVED IN DETERMINING APPROPRIATE US CONTRIBUTION TO AUGMENTATION OF UNTSO.

2. FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES TO LETTERED QUESTIONS IN PARA 2 REFTEL:

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A. UNTSO PLANS TO ABSORB ABOUT 40 ADDITIONAL OBSERVERS

DURING NEXT FEW DAYS (SOME HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED). THEY WILL BE ASSIGNED INITIALLY TO KANTARA CONTROL CENTER AT RABAH (NEAR ROMANI IN NORTHERN SINAI) AND TO DAMASCUS TO PERMIT INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PATROLS AND OPS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF OPERATION. AS FIVE OBSERVERS ARE NORMALLY REQUIRED FOR MANNING AND RELIEF OF ONE PATROL OR OP, 40 NEW OBSERVERS WILL ENABLE UNTSO TO INCREASE PATROLS BY EIGHT.

B. PLAN IS FOR FOUR MORE PATROLS IN SINAI, MAKING TOTAL OF 10 PATROLS OPERATING OUT OF RABAH, AND FOUR MORE FROM DAMASCUS, MAKING TOTAL OF NINE PATROLS AND TWO OPS CONTROLLED BY THAT FIELD STATION. BY NOV 2 UNTSO EXPECTS TO HAVE TWO OF THESE NEW PATROLS OPERATING FROM RABAH AND TWO FROM DAMASCUS. THERE ARE AT PRESENT NO OTHER PLANS BUT TWO OR THREE ADDITIONAL OPS OR PATROLS COULD BE ADDED TO OPERATION FROM TIBERIAS (ISRAELI SIDE OF SYRIAN LINE). SUCH INCREASE IN ENVISAGED UPON POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF UNTSO PATROLS OPERATING IN EGYPT (IN EVENT ESTABLISHMENT OF UNEF REDUCES UNTSO REQUIREMENT).

C. SIX HUNDRED (600) DOLLARS CASH OR TRAVELLER'S CHECKS.

D. YES.

E. YES.

F. COMBAT ARMS MOS'S PREFERABLE.

G. CANNOT ANSWER DEFINITELY BUT WE UNDERSTAND CANADA HAS BEEN ASKED FOR SUCH SUPPORT, WHICH WOULD INDICATE REQUEST TO US LESS LIKELY.

H. NO ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ANTICIPATED. UNTSO HAS EXTENSIVE VEHICLE FLEET EQUIPPED WITH REASONABLY GOOD VOICE, MOTOROLA, FOUR CHANNEL RADIOS. COMMAND NET, SSB, IS, HOWEVER, VERY UNSATISFACTORY; DUE TO OLD EQUIPMENT ALMOST NO CONTACT POSSIBLE AT NIGHT. US MIGHT WISH CONSIDER OFFERING HELP IN THIS AREA. DETAILED REQUIREMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE DETERMINED IN CONSULTATION WITH UN.

I. YES, BUT ANTICIPATE NO MAJOR PROBLEMS. SUSMO WOULD NEED
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ADMINISTRATIVE NCO TO HANDLE USMOG PERSONNEL MATTERS AND RECORDS.

3. CONCERNING PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF 04/05/06 (PARA 1 REFTTEL), NO RPT NO 06 (FULL COLONEL) SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS COLONEL R.W.H. BUNWORTH (IRELAND) BEING APPOINTED ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF AND SHOULD BE ONLY COLONEL IN MISSION. EVEN 05 (LTM COLONEL) HIGHER RANK THAN REQUIRED FOR REGULAR OBSERVERS, MOST OF WHICH ARE MAJOR AND CAPTAIN RANK, AND SHOULD NOT BE SENT

(KRAWCIW IS LTCOL, AND SHOULD BE SENIOR US OFFICER). RANK
REQUIRED AND TOUR OF DUTY IS NORMALLY SPECIFIED IN UN REQUEST
TO CONTRIBUTING COUNTRY AND WOULD HAVE TO BE AGREED BETWEEN
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